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PUNG KUK EDM WIRE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD et al

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
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2. Citations and explanations :

Claim 1-6 relate to a manufacturing method of an electrode wire for EDM.

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1. Novelty

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D1 is considered to represent the closest prior art to the claimed invention.

The final product of claim 1 is seemed to be very similar with the electrode of D1.

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